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In re Reissue Patent Application of  
Smallwood et al. :  
U.S. Patent No. 5,654,609 :  
Patent Granted: August 5, 1997 :  
Title: GAS DISCHARGE LAMP AND POWER :  
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THEREFOR :  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the examination of the above-identified reissue application, please enter  
the following amendments and remarks.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the existing patent claims as follows:

ai 1. (Amended) A module for driving a gas discharge lamp having heater elements  
contained within an envelope in response to electrical power from a source comprising:  
means for receiving power from the source;  
an oscillator coupled to said receiving means for transforming said received  
power to an output signal at a frequency and voltage for causing the lamp to produce visible light